

## Spring and Fall Varsity Programs Announced

### FATHER PEIKERT TO CELEBRATE JUBILEE

The Reverend A. S. Peikert of Calmar, Iowa, will celebrate his silver jubilee on the 23rd of this month. He came to Columbia College in 1891 as a student. He was sick during 1893-1894, thus being forced to discontinue his studies for a time. He returned in 1896, and was given the degree of Bachelor of Arts. He pursued his theological studies at the Grand Seminary, Montreal, Canada. On the 23rd of December, 1899, he was ordained. Father Peikert was appointed by Archbishop Hennessy to establish a parish at Alta Vista, Iowa. During 1900 he came to Columbia College, being invited to become a member of the Columbia, then St. Joseph's faculty. During the years of his service he taught history and was considered an authority on the subject. In 1918 he was appointed by Archbishop Keane as spiritual director of the College. Father Peikert held this position until his resignation in 1923. In that year, owing to his ill health, he felt himself compelled to resign as a member of the College faculty. He was then appointed by Archbishop Keane, as pastor of Calmar, Iowa, which position he is still holding. The College extends felicitations to the jubilarian and hopes that many happy years will follow.

#### Happy New Year.

#### CHRISTMAS.

Sparkling snow flakes like a mantle  
Cover up the barren earth,  
Chiming bells ring forth their message  
Of the Blessed Savior's birth,  
Everywhere there is rejoicing,  
Coldest hearts grow warm with love  
Mortal man is now ennobled  
Sharing joys of heav'n above.

From the cheery sheltered homesteads  
Little star-like candles glow,  
Shed their welcome before us  
Cross our path upon the snow.  
To the church the throngs are wending,  
Underneath the moonlight mild,  
Even as of old the wise men  
Travelled far to find the Child.

Those who mourn will now find comfort;  
Wordly men forgetting greed  
Open up their welcome portals  
And provide for those in need.  
He who makes some sacrifices  
That he may diffuse good cheer,  
Finds a throne within a stable,  
Gains on Christmas joys sincere,  
M. J. H., '23.

#### Merry Christmas!

### STAFF ASKS FOR MORE SUPPORT FROM THE STUDENT BODY

Every student with a spark of loyalty, every student to whom the word Alma Mater means anything besides four cold walls of brick and stone, will lend his whole-hearted effort and enthusiasm to make the "1925 Purgold", the pioneer of Columbia College Year Books, the success it must be to truly reflect Columbia's worth. Our college yields place to no school anywhere near its size,—neither in scholastic attainments nor in athletic prowess. That the "Purgold" may be a true mirror of all things Columbian, it must achieve a success commensurate with the success of Columbia College.

The publication of a year book cannot be accomplished by the staff alone, no matter how well qualified, or how great their abilities and endeavors are. The project needs, as a primary requisite, an enthusiastic and cooperative student body. "An annual in the hands of every student" must be the slogan. Every subscription is a boost; every failure to subscribe is a knock. Be a booster! Buy an annual! It is worth many times the small outlay required, and its value is enhanced with every passing year.

The response of the student body thus far is cheering. It is expected that every student of Columbia College will have subscribed for the "Purgold" before the holiday vacation begins, or if you cannot subscribe then, come back after vacation prepared to pay your subscription. When the salesmen approach you let your response be immediate. Let us show then that we are boosters of our college and not drawbacks!

One of the most heartening features of the project is the whole-hearted support and boundless enthusiasm of the College Faculty. They have sponsored the work to such a degree that, with the proper support of the students, it must be eminently successful. "The Purgold" means more to the student than to the faculty. It is student life and student activities that will be portrayed. To the lower classmen it will mean more than to the upper classmen, for, with future Annuals, they will have a complete, illustrated record of their college days,—something they can be proud of, something that will bring dear memories back to them in later years.

#### Happy New Year.

Father: "Why are you so far behind in your studies?"

Student: "So that I may pursue them."

### THE CHILD AND HIS MOTHER.

In Bethlehem of Juda  
On a cold December morn,  
In just a little manger  
The Holy Child was born.

The angels choired above Him,  
And sang in sweet accord,  
"Gloria in excelsis Deo":  
The praises of their Lord.

The shepherds o'er the manger bent,  
Stilled by the sight so fair.  
They only looked upon Him;  
This was their silent prayer.

His Mother knelt beside Him  
With kind and loving eyes;  
She looked upon the Son of God,  
And listened to His cries.  
Bernard Baker, Acad., '27.

#### Happy New Year.

### ATTRACTIVE CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS IN EVIDENCE

Apparently Father Striegel and his worthy corps of assistants have been thinking of Christmas for a long time. Whether one visits the chapel, the study halls, or the refectories, one's attention is immediately arrested by the delicately beautiful and tasteful decorations symbolic of this joyous season. Each year these dainty ornaments make their appearance so unobtrusively that (if we did not know Father Striegel was about), we might imagine some fairy or sprite, or perhaps some assistant of Santa himself, had paid us a visit unawares. After considerable investigation, we got the following young men to admit they had lent a hand to beautifying the assembly rooms: William Clemes, Leo Croake, E. Donohue, A. Giltinon, L. Hurley, J. Innes, D. Kress, S. Kucera, L. Meissen, J. Molinaro, E. Norris, M. Prochaska, R. Schares, M. Tobin.

### HONOR ROLL OF THE SUBSCRIBERS OF PURGOLD

The following are a few more of the students who have subscribed in full for the College Annual: Clarence Goerd, John DeRocher, F. Fiel, Art Vorwold, Theo. Heffran, Avalinus Schmitt, Frank Kurtz, Syl Winch, Douglas Schwartz, Vincent Conlon, Roman Scharers, Thom. Carr, Harold Carolan, Don Elliot, Art Stirn, Matt. Merkel, P. Schremp, P. Morgan, Harry Hoepner, Wm. Becker.

#### Merry Christmas!

### BASKETBALL.

The Columbia basketball schedule will bring the Purple and Gold quintet into action against teams from five different states. Last year a rather large schedule was attempted but this year Coach Anderson's men will concentrate all their efforts in winning another championship for the Purple and Gold.

Bernie White reports the prospects as the best he has seen yet, and Coach Anderson is well satisfied at the outlook. Columbia has been making but a mediocre showing in basketball of late, it and the main reason has been that while our team was strong at home, it was lost on a larger floor. With the new gymnasium open sometime during the season, this effect will be remedied.

The Columbia team is not expected to develop full strength until late in the season. For this reason most of the conference games will be played in February.

Valparaiso University, which last year won twenty-three straight games, is the favorite for the championship again this year, although the undefeated LaCrosse team also looks strong. De Paul and St. Viator are each playing over twenty games.

The schedule as announced is subject to revision. There is a strong likelihood that a large university quint may be brought to open the new gym, but because the date of opening is uncertain, no definite date has been set.

The Academy team has been practicing for a week under the tutelage of Coach Anderson and Bernie White. The present indications point to one of the greatest basketball teams the Academy has known, and a schedule will be arranged accordingly. St. Ambrose of Davenport, St. Joseph's of Rock Island, St. Thomas of Rackford, Galena and several other strong high school teams will grace the schedule.

This winter's basketball schedule for Columbia follows:

- Jan. 10—Wisconsin Miners at Dubuque.
- Jan. 15—Loyola at Chicago.
- Jan. 16—DePaul at Chicago.
- Jan. 23—Armour Tech at Dubuque.
- Jan. 27—Loyola at Dubuque.
- Jan. 30—Luther at Decorah.
- Jan. 31—La Crosse at La Crosse.
- Feb. 3—St. Viator at Dubuque.
- Feb. 12—Valpo at Valparaiso.
- Feb. 13—St. Viator at Kankakee.
- Feb. 18—La Crosse at Dubuque.
- Feb. 20—Valpo at Dubuque.
- Feb. 24—De Paul at Dubuque.
- Feb. 27—Luther at Dubuque.

#### Happy New Year.



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### CHRISTMAS SPIRIT.

At the approach of the Yuletide festival there appears among mankind a feeling of good fellowship towards others that is expressed by the greetings, "Merry Christmas." and "Happy New Year."

So it is in the college. The students are about to leave for their homes and their hearts are filled with the truest feelings of comradeship as they bid farewell to their friends. This feeling is especially noted between the day students and the boarders this year. But not only should a feeling exist between them at the approach of the holidays but it should also be in evidence during the year.

Mingled with this feeling is the true loyalty which every student feels toward the College. Just as they stood on the sidelines and cheered their teams to victory, so now they depart for a brief time boasting of Columbia, and through their behavior show themselves to be her truest sons. They are proud of their Alma Mater and she in turn looks on them with proudest mien as she wishes them a "Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year."

### IS THERE A SANTA CLAUS?

Tell me, Santa, tell me true,  
Who comes at Christmas, is it you?

As Christmas time comes back each  
year,  
The world is filled again with cheer.

And yet I've heard some people say,  
There is no Santa, anyway.

If that is true, how can it be  
That gifts adorn the Christmas tree?

What makes the children's eyes so  
bright?  
What makes our parents' hearts so  
light?

Why does the stranger, passing by,  
Greet his friends with moistened  
eye?

What makes our neighbors wondrous  
kind?  
Who touches the heart, enkindles the  
mind?

There's just one answer: The day of  
his birth,  
The Christ Child sent Santa to bless  
all the earth.  
Aloysius Wilberding, Acad., '27.

## "THE CEE-AY"

## "LIGHT TEENIE CHAMPIONS"



Top Row—B. Baker, Fr. Ivis (Coach), R. Croake, L. Timmermann.  
Middle Row—F. Specht, C. Gossman, Wm. McLauchlin, F. Dutcher, A. Giltner, M. McQuillan, E. Norris (Asst. Coach).  
Bottom Row—A. Lolwing, D. Kress, R. Schares, I. Kress (Capt.), Wm. Burns, T. Farrell, G. Donohue.

### TRACK.

Track enthusiasts in Dubuque were given something to talk about when the Sunday papers carried the story from the conference meeting at Chicago that The Western Interstate Meet would again be held at Columbia. The date has been definitely set for May 16, and will be the biggest event of its kind ever arranged for this city. More than ten schools will be entered, and more than a hundred mid-west luminaries will vie for honors on Loras Field. Some idea of the importance of this meet may be gleaned from the fact that Major Griffith, moderator of the "Big Ten", and Walter Eckersall, the noted sports authority, will officiate.

Announcement has also been made that in addition to the Interstate Meet, Columbia will engage in dual meets with several of the more important Iowa colleges. That prospects for a winning squad are good is evident from the fact that the Purple and Gold has lost only two of its former stars, Tracy and Conway. Their absence will be more than made up by the addition of several stars from the freshman class,

### FOOTBALL.

Columbia is still meeting all comers in the football arena. In the conference meeting in Chicago last Saturday, every conference school was offered a game and accepted inasmuch as they are after Columbia's football honors for next year.

There are still two places open on the Columbia schedule. One of these may be offered to Lombard, champions of Illinois, who sought admission into the conference Saturday. Lombard is playing Notre Dame next year again and hopes to put an unusually strong and well balanced team on the field. A year ago Lombard held Notre Dame to a 14 to 0 score.

Cornell college, the only college in the state which was neither tied nor

scored upon by an Iowa team outside Columbia, will be offered a chance to prove its state championship claim here. Coe was offered a date but seemed to have plenty of Anderson's style of football this year.

The big game on the Columbia schedule at present is the Detroit game. Columbia acquired more prestige through its game with this university than by any other game this year. With all the breaks against our team, they fought the Michigan men off their feet for three quarters and weakened in the fourth when Thomas and White had to be withdrawn and Kellogg was badly crippled.

There is a possibility that Baylor University of Texas may come to Dubuque for an early season game. Definite plans have not yet been made for this tilt.

On November 21st Knute Rockne of Notre Dame wrote Father Sheehy and promised a place on his 1925 schedule if desired. It was not considered advisable to hit the big leagues at this time, but with another championship team Columbia will probably talk business with the world's greatest football team.

The schedule as lined up at present follows:

Oct. 3—Wisconsin School of Mines, here.

Oct. 10—Detroit at Detroit.

Oct. 17—Lombard (tentative).

Oct. 24—De Paul, here.

Oct. 3—Valparaiso, there.

Nov. 6—La Crosse, here.

Nov. 11—St. Viator at Chicago.

Nov. 21—Open.

Nov. 28—Luther, here.

The father of the Reverend D. J. Lenihan of Cedar Rapids passed away to his reward at Chicago on Friday, December 5. The funeral was held on December 9, in the Dubuque Cathedral. The sympathy of the College faculty and students is extended to Father Lenihan, a regent of the College.

### ACADEMY HONOR ROLL

For period second six weeks is  
sued Dec. 1, 1924.

#### Fourth Academics.

1. Ahlers, Alois	94
2. Bassler, Claude	93
3. Spahn, Charles	92
4. Conley, Joseph	90
5. Kress, Clifford	90

#### Third Academics.

1. McErany, Francis	96
Schieltz, Cyril	96
3. Fencil, Edward	94
4. Willing, Eugene	94
5. Cassidy, James	93
6. Gussman, Sylvester	91
7. Farrell, Thomas	91
8. Fahey, Bernard	91
Greteman, Bernard	91

#### Second Academics

1. Reynolds, Harold	94
2. Enzler, Clarence	92
Kintzle, Clarence	92
4. Butler, Marcus	92
5. Tekippe, Walter	91
6. Molinaro, Joseph	92
7. Ahrendt, Melvin	91
Mullen, William	91
9. Vogel, Clarence	91
10. McCloskey, James	90
11. Lolwing, Alfred	88

#### First Academics.

1. Strohmeier, Eldon	94
2. Linehan, Edw.	94
3. Meissen, Lawrence	92
4. Joseph Krochieski	92
5. Graham, John E.	92
Jaeger, Alvin	91
7. Brnsdorf, Louis	92
8. Lorenz, Alfred	92
9. Kolfenbach, Louis	91
Martin, John	91
11. Conlon, Orlin	91
Mullin, Harold	91
13. Nelson, Thomas	91
14. Runde, Louis	90
Schwind, Clifford	90
16. Lange, Willis	90
17. Kresser, Trehain	90
Kress, Donald	90
19. Schmitz, Anthony	90

Registrar



# Fourteen Academy Gridders Win Letters

## "HEAVY MIDGETS CHAMPIONS"



Bottom Row—Gehrig, Fleischmann, Fautsch, (Capt.), Gussman, Shea.  
Middle Row—Frantzen, Butler, Howe, Timmerman, Buechle, Lawler, Enzler, Kolf, Stribley, Rennolds.  
Back Row—King, Plamondon, Conley, Frommelt.

### Monograms To Be Given At Banquet This Evening.

In accordance with an annual custom, the farewell supper tonight will be given in honor of the coaches and academy football monogram men. The Christmas decorations are already in evidence, and the general spirit of good cheer has begun to pervade the student body; hence, when the grid warriors assemble for the last pre-vacation gathering, the boys will undoubtedly give them a more than ordinary reception. Father Kucera has promised to be on hand to lead the elocutionary festivities at the conclusion of the supper, and the good things he leaves unsaid will be conveyed to the students by Father Striegel, Coach Cretzmeyer, and members of the squad. Our Very Reverend Rector, Father Conry, representing the faculty, will extend Columbia's Christmas greetings to the assembly.

The academy students selected by the coaches for the coveted monogram are the following: Capt. Tobin, John Cain, William Clemes, Bernard Heller, William Kann, John Kaye, Frank Klees, Ambrose Leytem, Robert McCrea, John McQuinn, Charles O'Connor, Amadeo Pacetti, John F. Ryan, and John W. Ryan.

### ACADEMY FLOODS LOWER FIELD FOR SKATING RINK

Under the direction of Father Russell and Father Loosbrock, work was started last week on the lower field to construct a skating rink. The lower end of the field was banked high enough to enable practically all of the field to be flooded, and behind this was built a fireplace, and many evenings were spent in collecting enough material for future bonfires.

The weather has not permitted much skating up to the present time, but the boys can rest assured that everything will be in readiness for skating before their return from the Christmas vacation.

Many of the boys plan on bringing skis with them on their return and we can guarantee them plenty of thrills among the small mountains in our vicinity. If you do not think so, just ask some of those who know. We shall undoubtedly have many skinned faces amongst us before the closing of the semester.

### FATHER SHEEHY HONORED BY INTERSTATE CONFERENCE

Early this week associated press bulletins carried the announcement that Father M. Sheehy, our athletic director, has been unanimously elected secretary of the Western Interstate Conference. He has also been appointed delegate to the National Collegiate Athletic Association meeting to be held in New York City, Dec. 29 and 30. In paying Father Sheehy this honor, the conference is rendering him recognition for the work he did in organizing the colleges into this association, and in putting it before the public.

### LOCAL ITEMS

An epidemic of colds and sore throats has come about and the Infirmary has been full. Those who were taken ill were McGuinn, Vaughan, Maloney, Kalishek, Gossman, Loftus, Tierney, Nemmers and Twite. But the sickness was nothing serious as most of them are around again.

As the new gym will not be ready for the opening of the basketball season, the old gym floor has been remarked and oiled.

Father Ivis has been on detective work again this week. The criminals caught were Ball, Norris, McCrea and Loftus.

Leo McKenna, a graduate of 1919, was buried Dec. 13. He resided at 389 Glen Oak Avenue, Dubuque.

Edw. Devlin, 1914-'16, was killed in an automobile accident on Thanksgiving day and was buried the following Monday. His home was at Kenosha, Wis. He is a cousin of Fr. Craney's who attended the funeral. The student body extends condolences.

If Julius Caesar made Brutus the brute he was, and if Cleopatra made Mark Anthony the mark he was, who made Lydia Pinkham the pill she was?

### SUMMARY OF ACADEMY FOOTBALL SEASON

Academy, 15; St. Patrick's, 0.

Academy, 13; Waukon Junior College, 6.

Academy, 7; St. Thomas, 7.

Academy, 6 Galena, 13.

Academy, 0; St. Rita, 34.

When the gong sounded calling the Academy football squad out for their initial practice, Prof. Cretzmeyer and Father Striegel met a light and inexperienced group. With the exception of Captain Tobin, a substitute fullback of the year before, no member of the squad had previous Academy football experience. With this thought in mind great credit is due Prof. Cretzmeyer and Father Striegel for the development of a football team that had begun to show real form toward the end of the season.

The season produced a few outstanding stars. Bob McCrea, Red McGuinn, and "Dizzy" Clemes were the bright lights in the line, while Captain Tobin, Jack Ryan, and "Patch" Pace'ti shone in the backfield. Bob McCrea, though greatly handicapped in weight, was the most dependable end on the squad. In McGuinn and Clemes the team boasted of two light linemen, peppy and full of fight, that would have been a credit to any outfit. In the backfield

Captain Tobin was at all times the life of the team, a tower of strength on defense, a powerful plunger on offense, and an excellent receiver of forward passes. Jack Ryan, a former Midget star, was the most consistent halfback on the team. "Patch" Pacetti, an inexperienced recruit at the beginning of the season, progressed so rapidly that the final game with the St. Rita's found him holding down a regular berth at fullback, and the big star of the game.

Considering their inexperience and lack of weight, remarkable work was done by Kaye and McGuire, centers; Leytem and Ryan, guards; Heller and Healy, tackles; Kann and Behn, ends; Klees, O'Connor, and Nicholson, quarters; Cain, McLain, McGrath, and Regan, halfbacks.

The prospects for a strong team for next year seem very bright when we realize that practically the whole line this year was composed of third Academics. In addition to this fact promising prospects have been uncovered in the Teenie Weenie-Midget series. The best thing for us to do now is to forget our reverses, remember our victories, and look forward to a winning team next year.

"Who is the fellow arguing with the referee?"

"Oh, that's the End trying to justify the Means."



## THE WASTEBASKET

"What are you crying about, Jimmie?" said the fond mother to her little son, who came into the house in tears.

"Dad hit his finger with a hammer—"

"Why you oughtn't to cry about that," interrupted the mother, "you ought to laugh."

"I did, replied Jimmie.

Dear Dad:

How are you, I am well. Do you think you could send me \$20.00. I'm badly in need of coin right now.

Your loving Son, Harry.

P. S. I regretted sending this letter to you Dad, I ran after the postman in hopes of getting it back. I can only hope and pray that you won't get it.

(Answer)

Dear Harry:

Your prayer has been answered.  
Dad.

Mother (to son returning in soiled condition): "How in the world did you get so dirty?"

Son: "I fell in a mud hole."

Mother: "What! with your new pants on?"

Son: "Well, I didn't have time to take them off."

An Optimist is one who buys a pocketbook on credit.

The weather was ideal. Mother told Eddie to hang the rug on the line and beat it.—He did.

### Composition on Rags.

Rags make paper; paper makes money; money makes banks; banks make loans; loans make poverty; and poverty makes rags.

### Undoubtedly a Froshman.

Bright Student: "Say, are you at the head of this Purgold?"

A. Link: "Ah, why yes!"

B. Stud.: "Well then what's this annual they're talking about?"

## CLASS GAMES IN THE ACADEMY TO BEGIN AFTER VACATION

The Academy class basketball tournament will begin immediately after the close of vacation. The teams are made up of the different classes and those lacking in ability more than make up for it by their spirit. Many good games have been witnessed on the gym floor during the past years and from all evidences this year's battles will be not be lacking in the same old fight.

The College department have already begun their tournament and the race for championship will come to a grand climax when the two halls fight for supremacy.

## ALUMNI NEWS

Jerome Foley, '24-'24, was a recent visitor at the Academy.

Lester McAleer, '24, captain of last year's football team, visited here recently.

Bernard Herbers, '24, is attending Creighton U. at Omaha.

Father Kearns of Cedar Rapids dined with us recently.

Thomas Curran, '24, is working as a bellhop at the Julien Hotel.

## KAMPUS KWIBS.

Question—How do you think we could foster better athletic spirit in the Academy?

Faculty Member—By having the students undersand the following points:

1. Participation in athletics is a part of the physical education through which every American must needs pass.

2. Participation in athletics will give one a certain self-reliance and a certain ability to foresee and size up situations.

3. Participation in athletics by more of the day scholars will develop much latent material.

4. The Academy will have many friends if it be known that the Academy players are good sports—treating visiting teams loyally, treating the coaches squarely, and playing squarely with their team mates.

5. That a student who will go to a movie when there is a home game is the real enemy of the team.

6. That the athletic board is anxious to secure good schedules for teams that will manifest the proper spirit.

7. That a spirit of sacrifice is always necessary.

Fourth Academic—First, by having two Academy men as cheer leaders. Having good schedules for our teams, and a little better support from Loras Hall would be appreciated.

John McLain.

Third Academic—To my mind if everybody would attend the games and do a little cheering a great deal more enthusiasm would be stirred up. Loras Hall ought to support the Academy teams much better than they do. Amedeo Pacetti.

Second Academic—I think the Academy teams would receive more support if they had games with such teams as St. Ambrose, Campion, Luther and Rockford Academy, although the Academy is fairly well supported. Louis Rhomberg.

First Academic—More support would be given the Academy if they would play better teams. I think the Academy students support their teams well enough, but it is the Loras Hall students who do not seem to take any interest in our teams.

Carl Moes.

## THE' NEW GYM NEARS COMPLETION

During the last few weeks the work on Columbia's \$150,000 gymnasium has been progressing very rapidly. The roof is now practically on with the exception of the shingles, and if the weather man permits, it is hoped that the giant structure will be enclosed within the next week.

As yet it would be quite impossible to set a definite date for the completion of the structure because of the weather man's many bad pranks. However, should the weather decide to be favorable, the structure ought to be completed towards the end of January or the early part of February. It is hoped that at least some of our basketball games will be played in the new gym.

Merry Christmas!

## FIRST PRIZE ACADEMY SHORT STORY CONTEST

### A GOOD TURN

A man strode down the street. He was of about middle age and his manner suggested a business man, a thorough, methodical one. He was not lavishly attired but everything from brown, well-polished shoes, up to the top of his soft felt hat, showed care. But there was something wrong, something that could not be brushed away. It was mental strife. The man seemed to be afraid, giving short puffs at his cigar as if thinking, and seemingly unconscious of the things about him. A gust of wind taking his hat from his head jarred back his senses. He made a futile attempt to grasp it but the hat blew out of his reach. A boy recovered the head-piece and returned it with a "Here it is, sir."

The man offered the lad a coin but he refused. "No thanks, I can't take it."

"You can't?" John Wesley was a man accustomed to be looked up to and a kid not taking his money irritated him.

The youth offered an explanation. "You see, sir, I'm a Scout, and a member of the organization is supposed to do at least one good turn a day."

"You're going down this way?"

"Yes, sir."

"Please tell me more about this outfit," Wesley said in a queer tone. He wanted some one to talk to, that was all.

The new found friend walked beside the man and talked of the troop, of the good turn, of how a scout has to be brave, clean, loyal, courteous, and he told him of their motto, "Be prepared."

Finally the boy left. John was sorry, not because he wanted to know about scouting, but the kid would talk.

Wesley reached his office and it seemed to him that the old hum was lacking but maybe it was he, himself, that was dull.

The assitant greeted him and waited for the usual consultation. But the boss mumbled, "I'm busy to every one, Clemens," and passed into his private office, slamming the door. The force was surprised for the boss loved efficiency but not noise.

Inside, the boss threw himself into a chair, scanned his mail, then feverishly opened an envelope and read, "Copper, sixty-four."

The man groaned. "Five thousand shares, bought like a fool at a hundred five and now—, waiting for a raise, yes, one that never comes."

The boss placed his head in his hands, leaned on the desk and stared at the wall. Time passed. Still he sat, immovable, unconscious of time or place, only thinking.

Slowly he opened a drawer and removed a bottle. Yes, his last friend, one that would not fail.

"Why, now, now, they will never know," he said to himself. Doctor Wilson had said he had only a short time—heart disease. Enough would be left for the wife to get along with. Yes, he had to do it. Slowly he removed a capsule from the bottle. Everything was ready. He walked to the window. A fine day

out. A slight breeze brought back to his mind the morning's events and his young friend. Wesley stopped and thought, "Be prepared," Yet this would not happen if he were "Think ahead"—But he had to do it. He looked at the object in his hand. "Be brace, clean, loyal!" The kid was right after all, it was a coward's way. "Face the music. What would the Scout say if he knew this? Yes, it was a coward's way. The man looked out of the window. The day was bright. Memories came to him—"Stick it out, can't be yellow." Where was the old fight? A tin roof was below him. John threw the bottle and watched it descend. As he stood thinking, the door suddenly opened. The man's eyes blazed, "I told that—". He stopped, seeing a messenger boy. John did not speak but snatched the yellow paper, opened it, and read: "Copper, one ten. Instructions."

"Sell," John wrote in answer and dismissed the boy.

Wesley phoned his wife, told her he would be home immediately and then grabbed his hat. He met his assistant, pale and nervous.

"I—I'm sorry I disturbed you, but—". The explanation was never given.

"Thanks, Jim. Say can you use passage to the coast? Take a good vacation; everything is ready."

Clemens' mind wandered back to his home, to his sister, who the doctor ordered was to have a change of climate. How could Clemens afford to send even his sister to the coast on his salary? Before he knew it, he was trying to thank his boss who forced a letter, time tables and passes upon him, and said, "All right, beat it and pack up."

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In the residential district, that same evening, our early morning friend is writing in a small book: "Good turn: Chased a man's hat."

Joseph E. Smitherum, '26.

## HADDIGAN, WHALEN AND BOESCH WINNERS IN COLLEGE STORY CONTEST

The College Short Story contest was won by Michael Haddigan, an alumnus of the Academy. Lincoln Whalen, also an alumnus of the Academy, took second place while third place was awarded to Francis Boesch, Oc., '22.

It is a credit to us to note that Haddigan was formerly the associate editor of the Cee-Ay. Whalen while in the Academy won first place in the Academy sort story contest. Their stories will appear in later issues of the Lorian.

## CHRISTMAS BELLS.

O listen to the Christmas bells,  
Their chimes ring out on high;  
They seem to bring a message  
Down from the starry sky.

They blend with children's voices,  
And usher in the morn  
That heard the song of angels  
The day that Christ was born.

Their music wakes the sleepy world,  
Which doffs its dull repose,  
And hastens to a manger—  
To a Child in swaddling clothes.  
Leo Croake, Acad., '26.